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Summary

The present document contains the provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the first regular session of 2002 of the Executive Board. The annex contains the proposed timetable and organization of work for the session.

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Annotated provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session

(a) Election of the officers of the Executive Board for 2002

The first action following the opening of the session will be the election of the President and four Vice-Presidents representing the regional groups of the United Nations. In accordance with decision 1992/7 (E/ICEF/1992/14), the President of the Board will be nominated from among the Latin America and Caribbean group of States which are members of the Executive Board.

(b) Statement by the President of the Executive Board

Following the elections, an introductory statement will be made by the President of the Executive Board.

2. Adoption of the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work

[*For action — E/ICEF/2002/2*]

The provisional agenda has been structured in accordance with relevant Executive Board decisions, in particular the programme of work for 2002 adopted at the second regular session in December 2001 (E/ICEF/2001/6/Rev.1, decision 2001/23). The proposed timetable and organization of work is contained in the annex.

Decisions will be adopted as the discussion of each agenda item is concluded. However, if required, time will be set aside for Board members to consult informally on all outstanding draft decisions.

3. Report of the Executive Director (Part I): Annual report to the Economic and Social Council

[*For action — E/ICEF/2002/4 (Part I)*]

This report responds to relevant decisions taken by the Executive Board on the reports of the Executive Director to the Economic and Social Council over the past several years, in particular decision 1999/6 (E/ICEF/1999/7/Rev.1), which requested the Executive Director to ensure that future reports to the Council advance the Board's wish for greater analytical effort, selected focus on key issues, problem-oriented reporting and discussions of lessons learned. The current report focuses on implementation of the reform programme of the Secretary-General and the provisions of the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review, follow-up to international conferences, and humanitarian and disaster relief assistance. The Board may wish to take note of this report and transmit it, together with the comments made by delegations at the present session, to the substantive session of 2002 of the Council.

Under this agenda item, the Board will also have before it a note by the secretariat on the activities of the Joint Inspection Unit of relevance to UNICEF (E/ICEF/2002/5). The Board may wish to take note of the report.

4. Country notes

[*For information — E/ICEF/2002/P/L.1-E/ICEF/2002/P/L.15*]

In accordance with decision 1995/8 (E/ICEF/1995/9/Rev.1) on the consideration and approval of country programme recommendations (CPRs), the secretariat has prepared brief country notes for Board consideration. Designed to inform the Board at an early stage of the ideas regarding the mix and weight given to programme strategies and priorities, the country notes are for country programmes of cooperation to be implemented beginning in 2003. Comments made by delegations will be shared with the Governments concerned and used in developing the final CPRs for submission to the Board at its second regular session of 2002.

The Board will have before it 15 country notes: 2 from the Eastern and Southern Africa region: Botswana and Comoros (E/ICEF/2002/P/L.1 and E/ICEF/2002/P/L.2, respectively); 5 from the West and Central Africa region: Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea-Bissau, Mali and Mauritania (E/ICEF/2002/P/L.3-E/ICEF/2002/P/L.7, respectively); 2 from the Americas and Caribbean region: Bolivia and the multi-country programme for the Eastern Caribbean (E/ICEF/2002/P/L.8 and E/ICEF/2002/P/L.9, respectively); 2 from the East Asia and Pacific region: Pacific island countries and Papua New Guinea (E/ICEF/2002/P/L.10 and E/ICEF/2002/P/L.11, respectively); 2 from the South Asia region: India and Maldives (E/ICEF/2002/P/L.12 and E/ICEF/2002/P/L.13, respectively); and 2 from the Middle East and North Africa region: Djibouti and Jordan (E/ICEF/2002/P/L.14 and E/ICEF/2002/P/L.15, respectively).

Following an introductory statement by the Director, Programme Division, the regional directors will provide brief overviews of activities in their regions, as well as summaries of the country notes being presented at this session.

5. Procedures for consideration and approval of proposals for country programmes of cooperation

[*For action — E/ICEF/2002/P/L.16*]

Experience since 1998 in the harmonization of the programme cycles of the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) and in the formulation of Common Country Assessments and United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks (CCAs/UNDAFs) has indicated the need for modification of the procedures for considerating proposals for country programmes of cooperation, which were adopted by the Executive Board in 1995 (decision 1995/8). This report responds to that need. The Board may wish to consider and adopt the draft decision contained in the report.

6. Immunization: Vaccine security

[*For information — E/ICEF/2002/6*]

This report on "Vaccine security: Ensuring a sustained, uninterrupted supply of affordable vaccines" was prepared as a follow-up to the Executive Board discussion of UNICEF activities in immunization at its annual session in June 2001 during which delegations encouraged the UNICEF Supply Division to expand its work in global vaccine security. This report presents options for action in that area. The Board may wish to comment on the report and provide guidance to the secretariat, as necessary.

7. Recommendation to the Executive Board: UNICEF Maurice Pate Award

[*For action — E/ICEF/2002/7*]

Under this agenda item, the Executive Board is requested to review the selection process and criteria for the UNICEF Maurice Pate Award, last revised in 1994 (E/ICEF/1994/13/Rev.1, decision 1994/R.2/12), to ensure that it continues to meet its purpose. The Board may wish to consider and adopt the draft recommendation contained in the report.

8. Tribute to key actors of the Global Movement for Children: The role of volunteers in UNICEF National Committees

In the context of the International Year of Volunteers (2001), representatives from selected National Committees for UNICEF will discuss the role of volunteers in their work. Delegations may wish to comment on their presentations.

9. Private Sector Division work plan and proposed budget for 2002
[*For action — E/ICEF/2002/AB/L.1*]

The Executive Board will have before it the PSD work plan and proposed budget for 2002. The Board may wish to consider and adopt the draft resolutions relating to the budget proposal.

10. Pledging event

As an element of decision 1999/8 on the resource mobilization strategy, a pledging event will be held at the first regular session each year at which Governments in a position to do so will announce their voluntary contributions to UNICEF regular resources, as well as payment schedules, for a particular current year, together with firm or indicative contributions for future years.

11. Other matters

Under this agenda item, the Board may consider discussing any other issues that it finds timely and appropriate.

12. Closing of the session: remarks by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board

The Executive Director and the President will make concluding remarks and suspend the session in view of the convening of the joint meeting with the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UNDP/UNFPA and WFP.

13. Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UNDP/UNFPA and WFP

The primary item on the agenda of the joint meeting will be UNDG priorities for 2002 and beyond, in response to the most recent General Assembly decision on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review. The discussion will focus on four main areas: CCAs/UNDAFs and Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers; the Millennium Development Goals; harmonization of procedures; and staff safety and security.

Annex

Proposed timetable and organization of work for the first regular session of 2002 of the Executive Board, 21 to 25 January*

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Friday, 25 January	a.m. and p.m.	*Item 13*	Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UNDP/UNFPA and WFP

* When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item will be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.